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(Text) Havana--A major counterrevolutionary group--The Movement of Revolutionary Restoration--has been completely routed in Cuba. It was set up late in 1959 by Manuel Artimo and a group of his associates who took part in the imperialist aggression at the Bay of Pigs in April 1961. Manuel Artimo was sentenced for his crime by the revolutionary tribunal to 30 years of imprisonment. All the leaders and nearly all members of the movement have now been arrested.

Juan Falcon, an arrested leader of the movement, made a radio-television speech in Havana 17 July. In reply to journalists' questions he described the counterrevolutionary activities of this organization. The plans of the movement, worked out by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, he said, included the assassination of Fidel Castro, Raul Castro, Blas Roca, Carlos Rafael Rodriguez, Ernesto Guevara, and other leaders of the revolution, as well as the organization of provocations and sabotage to undermine the country's economy.

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All subversive activity of the organization, Falcon continued, was carried out under the guidance of CIA, which "gradually fully subordinated us," and it helped us so that if should we win, the United States would again control our homeland as during the entire history of the republic until 1 January 1959. On CIA orders all unreliable members of the organization were killed, he said. CIA supplied us with money, weapons and equipment "which CIA agents use in their espionage work in other countries."

Complete subordination of our organization to CIA agency, Falcon said, "resulted in demoralization of the movement members" which became even worse as a result of the activities of the Cuban state security service which "frustrated all our plans." All leaders and nearly all members of the movement were arrested.

Falcon then pointed out that his personal contacts with the CIA agents convinced him that the Americans' activity is not aimed at solving the Cuban problem but at creating an atmosphere of unrest and uneasiness here. We, Falcon stated, were used as cannon fodder for terroristic purposes. We were, in practice, mere flunkies, instruments of U.S. imperialism.

Falcon said that the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency was also the organizer of last year's intervention in Cuba. After the defeat at the Bay of Pigs, he said, we became convinced that tremendous popular support makes the revolution in Cuba invincible. In conclusion, the head of the routed counterrevolutionary organization urged other counterrevolutionaries to discard the idea of continuing their activities.